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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy Branch
Policy and Plans Group

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FROM:Policy Branch/PPG

SUBJECT: Director of Central Intelligence Directive-
Security of Foreign Intelligence in Automated
Data Processing Systems and Networks (U)

REFERENCE: Memorandum to the Chairman, DCI Security
Committee, from the DDA, dated 7 February
1983, same subject

1. Reference was originated by COMSEC, endorsed by the Director of Communications, and routed to the Director of Security for concurrence (received 8 February 1983) and forwarding to the Deputy Director for Administration (DDA) for signature. It concerns a revision of DCID 1/16. Specifically, COMSEC wishes restatement in the revision that the DCID will not "apply to any automated system or network that performs a telecommunications function." (C)

2. Immediately upon receipt, it was noted the communication should have been directed to the Director of Security as the CIA SECOM member. His endorsement/concurrence would have committed him to support of the COMSEC position. If the DDA had agreed the COMSEC and Agency position were one and the same, presumably the Director of Security's concurrence or nonconcurrence would have been irrelevant in the COMSEC view. In any event, the routing, whatever the motivation, was unusual in terms of established authority. Perhaps motivation is related to the memorandum of 9 August 1982 you located in the Registry which concerned inclusion of a telecommunications exemption for DCID 1/16. This latter memorandum, attached, was sent by the Registry to PTAS and apparently did not occasion a response. The draft replacement for DCID 1/16 does not exclude telecommunications; COMSEC heard of this and Reference resulted. (C)

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3. ISSG was contacted regarding Reference, and advised they were aware of it and were negotiating with COMSEC to reach a compromise. ISSG concern is that encryption and decryption are computer functions which should be governed by 1/16 provisions. ISSG and COMSEC will meet on 16 February, and ISSG believes a solution can be reached that will place Reference in the category of matters overtaken by events. (C)

4. In view of ISSG action, it is recommended that a decision be deferred regarding the Director of Security's concurrence or nonconcurrence with Reference. In keeping with instructions to respond to correspondence in timely fashion, it is also recommended that the Director of Security acknowledge Reference to the Director of Communications and explain that ongoing negotiations are focused on the latter's concern. (U)



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Attachment

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